



NATIONAL GUARD NOTES.

Battery A held its regular weekly drill last Monday evening with a good attendance, about twenty-seven in all, being present. The drill consisted of the revolver manual and infantry movements. The boys are steadily improving and are to be complimented for their good work.

The signal corps enjoyed an oyster supper after their drill Thursday evening at the expense of their popular senior lieutenant, Andy Smith. The boys were seated at one prettily decorated table and made a most agreeable appearance. During the supper short speeches were made by the officers of the organization, in which the excellent conditions of the corps were naturally touched upon, but the men were urged to continue their interest in the work and thus maintain its present efficiency. After giving three cheers and a tiger for the signal officers the men returned to the armory.

The battery now has a roster of about fifty men, having lately recruited a number of that class that make good guardsmen. The organization still desires a few more of the same kind.

The signal corps is probably the only organization in the guard that devotes time outside of the regular drill nights to its work. The sergeants are anxious to get out on the hills with their flags and "helios."

The signal corps continued its good work last Thursday by "weeding out" two more undesirable members. This will probably end the "process" in the corps. The organization believes in having a few good men, rather than many poor ones.

Three applications remain on the signal bulletin. All the applicants are excellent men and will probably be voted in the corps next week. After the action taken Thursday night two more good men will still be needed.

Under the present command, company "B" is improving very rapidly, and it is noticeable that the officers have much deeper interest in their organization. About twenty-five members were present at the last regular drill and the movements were remarkable for the alertness shown by the men, all of which indicates that the poor condition of the companies lies not with the members.

Company H met in the signalite rooms last Tuesday evening and elected officers. Ralph Sharkey, Robert Covale and Ed Williams were respectively elected to the positions of captain, and first and second lieutenants. All three are experienced officers, and with such men at its head the company will, it is expected, rapidly forge to the front.

Company B made an ineffectual attempt to elect officers last Wednesday night. At 11:30 the meeting was adjourned indefinitely by the presiding officer, Colonel Sam Park, and an officer will be appointed to take command of the company.

The present condition of the guard is very gratifying, particularly so to those few who have put their shoulders to the wheel and pushed it over the rougher roads. A few moments spent in the spacious halls, always kept so neat and trim, speak plainer than columns of writing.

Pursuant to a company order, the members of company A met at the armory hall last Monday evening with their full equipment and with the expectation of being mustered out of the guard, but since all the state property has not as yet been turned in, action will be deferred for some time.

Many members of company A are making applications for transfer to other branches. The migration seems to be principally in the direction of company C, which is now the best company in the city.

The present crack company of the guard is company E, at Bountiful. That organization has a full roster, a remarkable feature being that nearly every enrolled member is a drill regularly. The condition of the company is undoubtedly due to Captain Heywood and his two lieutenants.

First Sergeant Ed Jordan of company B has made application for reduction and transfer to the hospital corps.

The hospital corps now has twelve members, and it is hoped they will cease their emulation of Rip Van Winkle, move into their quarters and get down to work.

After the disbandment of company A, company H will occupy its quarters, thus making room for the hospital corps.

The officers' association met at the armory last Thursday night and appointed a committee to wait upon the legislators in the interest of a good appropriation and desired changes which require the action of the legislature.

The first sergeant of the signal corps has been given the privilege of taking out men, during the week, for practical work. Thus a few of the sergeants, during well weather, will receive much more practice than previously.

Captain Heywood of company E visited the armory Thursday and attended the officers' meeting in the evening. That he came to the city simply to attend the meeting shows that his heart is in the work.

The custodian of the armory has been provided with rooms in the same building. The position has never been filled by a better man, and it would only be just of the legislature was asked to raise his salary.

Interest is evidently lacking in the new troop, but it is expected that enthusiasm will revive when the weather will permit the organization to drill with their mounts.

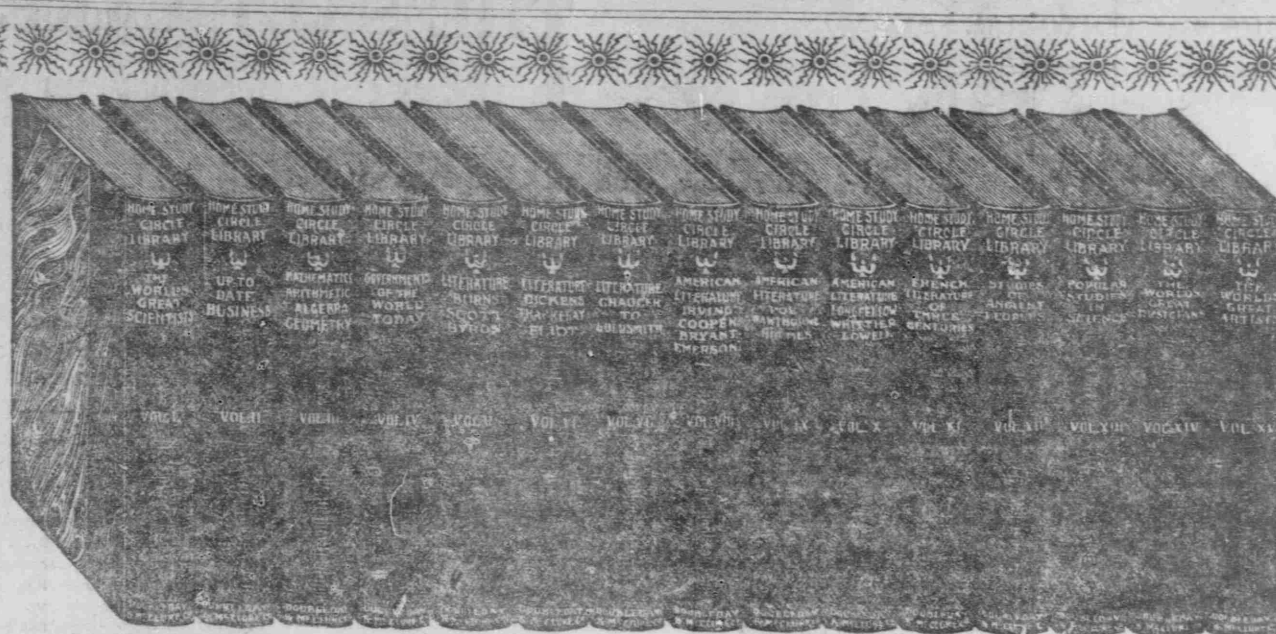
Senator Kearns will tender the officers of the guard a reception at the Knutsford hotel Monday evening.

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